

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 500

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Stanley Campbell and the Stone Awards.

WHEREAS, it is fitting to honor those persons and organizations that endeavor to help the less fortunate among us; and

WHEREAS, the annual Stone Awards, the House of Mtenzi Museum, and the Forgotten Souls Festival in Memphis were each founded to help the homeless through funds and donations generated by concerts and charity events; and

WHEREAS, Stanley Campbell is an individual wholly dedicated to helping the homeless population of Memphis. He is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Stone Awards and the House of Mtenzi Museum, and his efforts to provide food and clothing to hundreds of homeless men, women, and children throughout the years have garnered him a number of awards and recognitions, including the Key to the City of Memphis and the Key to the City of West Memphis, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, so that he may better relate to the hardships faced by the homeless, Mr. Campbell spent two weeks living on the streets of Memphis, forgoing the comforts of his everyday life. Out of his sojourn in the world of the homeless grew the Forgotten Souls Festival, which each year at Thanksgiving feeds and clothes hundreds of needy individuals; and

WHEREAS, this October, Stanley Campbell and host of volunteers will host a weekend of charitable events, including a parade and a black carpet pre-awards gala, preceding the eighteenth-annual Stone Awards, during which Pastor Ralph White will be awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award and Speaker Pro Tempore Emeritus Representative Lois DeBerry will be recognized with the 2013 Ma & 9 Mustard Seeds Hall of Fame Award; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize the volunteer spirit of Stanley Campbell and applaud his unwavering dedication to helping those in need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we also express our fervent wish that the many events Mr. Campbell sponsors to benefit the homeless are successful in lowering the number of homeless and displaced people in this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.